

Post Shorts

ACS Birthday July 22

Army Community Service will celebrate its 45th birthday at Shore Park with a cookout, children's activities, a bounce house and open swimming in the Shore Pool.

Free tickets are available at Aberdeen ACS, Building 2503, open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ACS is currently in the process of moving to building 2503. Please call 410-278-7572/4372 to confirm location.

This event is open to the entire Aberdeen Proving Ground community.

Counterintelligence recruiting team visits APG

The U.S. Army's CI Special Agent Recruiting Team will present an information briefing, 1 to 3 p.m., July 22, at Victory Hall, building 4727, Conference Room.

The briefing will include information concerning career field MOS 35L (CI Special Agent), including criteria for entry, how to apply for reclassification and the missions, assignments, and training opportunities for CI Special Agents.

The presentation is for enlisted, grades E4 through E6. Army CI is made up of unique individuals who have a genuine desire to detect, identify, assess and then neutralize or exploit foreign intelligence and security service activities against U.S. Forces.

For more information, call Randall Long, 520-533-2320, DSN 821-2320, or e-mail randall.long@conus.army.mil; or call Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Rodgers, 520-533-5952, DSN 821-5952, or email Stephen.rodgers@conus.army.mil.

Strong Bonds Couples Retreat

A Strong Bonds couples training and retreat will be offered at the Harbortown Resort in St. Michael's, Md. Aug. 4 to 6.

Strong Bonds is provided by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Command Chaplain and the Garrison Commander at no cost to the Soldier and their spouse.

Registration is being accepted at the Main Post Chapel.

To register, attendees must bring a DA31, as a PTDY, signed by their command to the chapel and register with Joyce Wood, the command chaplain's administrator. For information call 410-278-4333. Child care will be provided.

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Building 310 items salvaged for reuse

Story and photo by
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APG News

Later this summer, a portion of building 310, the former post headquarters of Aberdeen Proving Ground, will be partially demolished. Several items will live on in Maryland homes, however, thanks to a June 30 removal operation supervised by the Directorate of Public Works.

During the operation, Second Chance, Inc., a nonprofit architectural salvage company, took possession of various wood trim pieces and moldings, oak doors, transoms, and windows with old wavy glass from the rear wings of the building.

Terri Kaltenbacher, from the cultural resources program, DPW Environmental Planning and Sustainability Branch, and Edward Myers, DPW Asbestos Team supervisor, coordinated the removal of the items, after months of coordination with the Maryland Historical Trust. Cultural Resources Program Manager Mark Gallihue, and Gail Fuller, the director of the future APG Museum, also were apprised of the operation.

Myers said Second Chance, Inc. was cleared to take possession of old doors, windows, pressed metal, ceiling tiles, and a large quantity of trim pieces and moldings that were saved from the building for reuse.

"These are all original pieces from when the building was first built," he said.

He added that the building was structurally safe and has not been condemned, though health hazards remain.

Due to the potentially hazardous air quality inside the rear wings, which are shut off from the rest of the building, several personnel from the DPW asbestos team – wearing protective Tyvek suits, respira-



Joel Rye of the Directorate of Public Works carries part of a wooden office door away from building 310 during the removal of salvageable items June 30. A nonprofit architectural salvage company took possession of several items for resale and reuse in Maryland homes.

tors and leather gloves – entered the building. DPW personnel then passed the items to Second Chance, Inc. personnel who waited in a panel truck that was backed up to the ramp.

Gene Metzger, Second Chance, Inc. deconstruction manager, said the company will resell the items at its warehouse outlet in Baltimore or to private individuals

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Photo by RICHARD A. MATTOX, PEO C3T

Lt. Col. Gregory H. Coile, incoming Product Manager, Multi-channel Satellite Terminals, right, accepts the unit charter from Col. William C. Hoppe, Project Manager, Warfighter Information Network – Tactical, or WIN-T, left, during a Change of Charter ceremony at Top of the Bay July 8.

BRAC organizations change charters as APG relocation continues

Story by
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APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Transformation continued July 8, as organizations transitioning to the installation from Fort Monmouth, N.J. held change of charter ceremonies at Top of the Bay.

In the morning, Lt. Col. Gregory H. Coile assumed the duties of Product Manager, Multi-channel Satellite Terminals from Lt. Col. James E. Amsler Jr. who retired after 24 years of service.

Col. William C. Hoppe, Project Manager, Warfighter Information Network – Tactical, or WIN-T, presided over the ceremony.

Hoppe praised Amsler for his leadership and welcomed Coile to the WIN-T Family. He called change, "a good thing."

"It helps us grow and it brings new opportunities and challenges," he said.

He called Amsler, who was the organization's first officer to move from Fort Monmouth, N.J., "phenomenally smart" and "technically savvy."

"You taught me a lot and for that I thank you," Hoppe said.

He said Coile's contracting background will prove a valuable asset that will work "extremely well" for him.

"You have a lot of responsibility staring at you and it's going to take you to great plac-

es," Hoppe said. "You will do phenomenally well."

Amsler was awarded the Legion of Merit, plaques, and a U.S. flag commemorating his retirement.

Amsler called the multiple changes during the past four years, including base realignment and closure adjustments, "amazing."

"Everyone has been continually dedicated to supporting the warfighter," he said.

Coile said he felt "honored and very fortunate" to assume the duties of product manager and working with the "the team."

"I am much honored to serve our country and bring communications capabilities to the world."

Project Manager WIN-T

Warfighters who perform missions at a variety of locations and echelons require a means to achieve battlefield awareness, request support and coordinate activities which can be accomplished with the ability to exchange information from point-to-point, center-to-center across the battlefield. Project Manager Warfighter Information Network – Tactical, WIN-T, designs, acquires, fields and supports fully integrated and cost effective Tactical Networks and Services that meet Warfighter capability needs while sustaining a world class workforce.

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Getting ready to roll



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News

A 90-ton crane hovers over a Sherman Firefly tank decorated with the markings of the Canadian Army on the grounds of the Ordnance Museum. The museum is closed for the month of July due to loading and packing operations for nearly 50 artifacts headed to Fort Lee, Va. The closure includes the museum grounds and gallery. For more information, call 410-278-3602.

ACS/CYSS on the move



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON, APG NEWS

From left, Diana Hayes, Army Community Service information and referral outreach program manager, checks a packing list as summer hires Jenna Heffinger, 16 and Mari Williams, 15, remove boxes to be transported to the organization's new offices in building 2503 on Highpoint Road. Along with ACS, Child, Youth and School Services is moving into building 2503 this week. All ACS appointments are limited to emergencies. Army Emergency Relief services will continue without interruption. For information about CYSS Central Registration, call 410-278-7571/7479.

2010 HURRICANE SEASON JUST GETTING STARTED

Story by
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The 2010 Hurricane Season began June 1 and already there has been record-breaking activity in the Gulf of Mexico. Hurricane Alex, a rare June storm, made landfall along the northeast coast of Mexico as a Category 2 hurricane with 105 mile per hour winds June 30. Alex was downgraded to a tropical storm July 1, but continued to dump heavy rain over Mexico and South Texas.

Activity this early in the hurricane season serves as a reminder that coastal residents always should be prepared for the possibility of a hurricane. Even tropical storms, or hurricane spin offs such as storm surge, tornados and torrential rains, can have damaging - even catastrophic - effects.

This is the first of a two-part series on hurricane preparedness. The information presented is based on guidance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Harford County Division of Emergency Operations. Readers outside of these areas also should consult their local authorities.

It can happen here

Maryland is in a hurricane/tropical storm-prone region. Residents who remember Tropical Storm Isabel and Hurricane Ivan know it does not take a strong Category 3 to wreak havoc in this area.

Tropical Storm Isabel came through in September 2003. Of the 2003 named storms, Isabel was the costliest. Although it was downgraded from a hurricane to a tropical storm, damage to the Mid-Atlantic region was significant. According to **Wikipedia.com**, about 1.24 million people lost power throughout Maryland and Washington, D.C. The worst of Isabel's effects came from its storm surge, which inundated areas along the coast and resulted in severe beach erosion. In Eastern Maryland, hundreds of buildings were damaged or destroyed by the storm surge and related tidal flooding. Thousands of houses were affected in Central Maryland, with severe storm surge flooding reported in Baltimore and Annapolis. Many will remember the news coverage of flooding in the Fells Point restaurant district in Baltimore, which was devastated by the storm. Throughout Maryland and Washington, damage totaled about \$945 million. Another example is the torrential rains of Hurricane Floyd in 1999, which dumped up to 14 inches on parts of Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic leaving 250,000 without electricity and causing \$7.9 million in damages throughout the state.

The greatest threat

Storm surge is caused by a dome of water pushed ashore by powerful hurricane-force winds. Storm surge is considered the greatest killer of people in hurricanes and it is particular threat to areas lining the Chesapeake Bay.

Anyone residing in Joppa, Edgewood, Abingdon, Perryman, Aberdeen, Havre de Grace or Aberdeen Proving Ground should be prepared to act quickly.

Emergency notification system

The Harford County Division of Emergency Operation has developed a broad-reaching emergency notification network in which residents can register cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses with the county's Connect-CTY Emergency Notification System. To register, log onto **www.harfordpublicsafety.org**, follow the Connect-CTY link on the home page and enter information, easily and securely.

Preparation is the key

The Harford County EOC recommends that all Families prepare for emergencies such as major hurricanes by preparing Family Disaster Prevention Plans and Emergency Relief Kits. The assembled information and supplies can help prevent confusion and prolong survival during various types of emergencies like Pandemic Flu outbreaks, terrorist attacks, chemical train derailments, or even blizzards; not just hurricanes.

Get A Kit. Make A Plan.

Be informed.

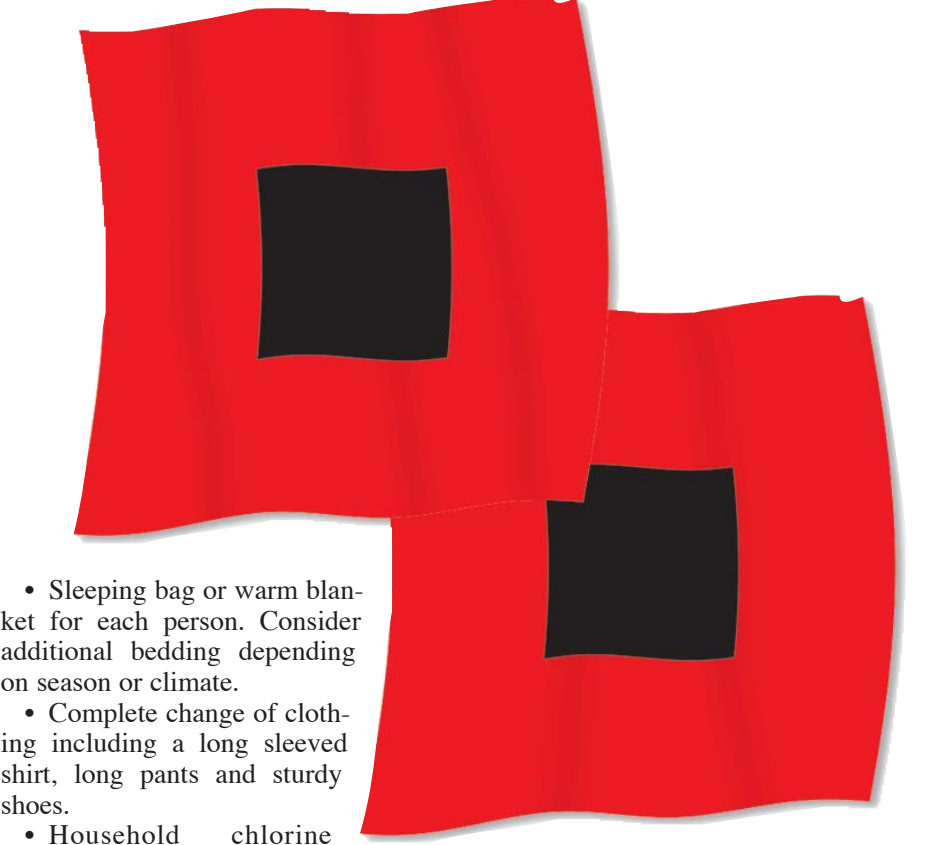
http://www.ready.gov

Get A Kit

Families may need to survive on their own after an emergency. This means storing food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantities to last for at least three days per person. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster or emergency but they cannot reach everyone immediately. It might take hours, or it might take days. Be prepared for services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones to be cut off for days, weeks or longer.

Recommended items to include in a basic emergency supply kit include:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for canned foods
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger
- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for pet
- Important Family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from **www.ready.gov**



- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding depending on season or climate.
 - Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes.
 - Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, the bleach can be used as a disinfectant. In an emergency, it can be used to treat water by using 16 drops of regular, household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
 - Fire extinguisher
 - Matches in a waterproof container
 - Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
 - Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
 - Paper and pencils
 - Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children.
- For more information, visit **www.ready.gov/america**.

Make A Plan

The plan should identify an evacuation point where Family members will meet if an evacuation order is issued.

You may also choose a hotel/motel outside of the vulnerable area.

If neither of these options is available, consider the closest possible public shelter, preferably within your local area.

Use the evacuation routes designated by authorities and, if possible, become familiar with your route by driving it before an evacuation order is issued.

Contact your local emergency management office to register or get information regarding anyone in your household whom may require special assistance in order to evacuate.

Prepare a separate pet plan; most public shelters do not accept pets.

Prepare your home prior to leaving by boarding up doors and windows, securing or moving indoors all yard objects, and turning off all utilities.

Before leaving, fill your car with gas and withdraw extra money from the ATM.

Take all prescription medicines and special medical items, such as glasses

and diapers.

If your Family evacuation plan includes an RV, boat or trailer, leave early. Do not wait until the evacuation order or exodus is well underway to start your trip.

If you live in an evacuation zone and are ordered to evacuate by state or local officials, do so as quickly as possible. Do not wait or delay your departure, to do so will only increase your chances of being stuck in traffic, or even worse, not being able to get out at all.

Be Informed

Familiarize yourself with the terms used to identify a hurricane.

A hurricane watch means a hurricane is possible in your area. Be prepared to evacuate. Monitor local radio and television broadcasts or listen to NOAA Weather Radio for the latest developments.

A hurricane warning means a hurricane in your area is imminent. If advised to evacuate, leave immediately.

Listen to local officials and learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area. In any emergency, always listen to the instructions from local emergency management officials.

Find out how to keep food safe during and after power outages by visiting **www.foodsafety.gov/keep/emergency/index.html**.

Find additional information about how to plan and prepare for a hurricane by visiting:

- Maryland Emergency Management Agency at **www.mema.state.md.us**
- NOAA Hurricane Center: **www.nhc.noaa.gov**
- American Red Cross: **www.redcross.org**
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: **www.epa.gov**
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control: **www.cdc.gov**



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CECOM hosts first Hail Ceremony at APG

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CECOM Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command recently hosted its first Hail Ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground to welcome CECOM personnel to APG. Edward C. Thomas, CECOM deputy to the commander, greeted attendees; some of whom were new to CECOM and others who were new to APG. With nearly 1,800 CECOM and Army Team Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance personnel working at APG, the center of gravity for the CECOM mission is shifting from Fort Monmouth, N.J., to APG, according to Thomas.

“I’m going to hail myself, because I’m new,” said Thomas in welcome. “This is yet another milestone in CECOM’s relocation to APG.”

Presenting office chiefs hailed approximately 100 individuals at the event. Many of the presenters also were new to APG.

“We will be moving to the ‘big city’ in August,” said Thomas referring to the new campus with space for 7,300 personnel. The C4ISR, Center of Excellence campus groundbreaking took place in March 2008. Two years later, CECOM personnel can now expect to move into the first completed building in less than two months. Before moving to the new state-of-the-art campus,

CECOM personnel and C4ISR partners are occupying workspaces across the installation. The team originates from a partnership between the U.S. Army Materiel Command and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. These team members comprise the C4ISR portion of the Army’s Materiel Enterprise. It is this partnership and collaboration that enables life cycle support for C4ISR systems. Together, these organizations develop, acquire, provide, field and sustain C4ISR systems and battle command capabilities for the joint warfighter.

Army Team C4ISR reorganizations include:

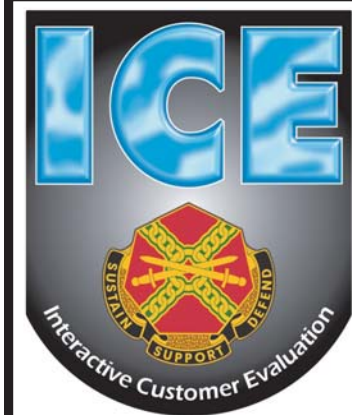
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- U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM)
- U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC)
- CECOM Contracting Center (CECOM-CC)

ASA/ALT Team Members:

- Program Executive Office Command, Control, Communications – Tactical (PEO C3T)
- Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEW&S)
- Program Executive Office for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS)

For more information about CECOM, visit www.army.mil/cecom.



Go to
<http://ice.disa.mil>.
Click on “ARMY”
then
“Aberdeen
Proving Ground.”

Community Notes

FRIDAY
JULY 16
PATRIOTIC SALUTE DAY

All veterans and active duty service members are invited to attend “Patriotic Salute Day,” a special feature of the 12th annual Mason Dixon Fair. The Mason-Dixon Fairgrounds is located at 6988 Delta Road in Delta, Pa., on the MD-PA Line, Route 165 and Route 74. Admission is free all day to veterans and active duty service members with military, VFW or American Legion ID. All veterans, active duty service members and senior citizens are invited to attend a special early show by the Re-Creation, a song and dance troop and enjoy fair exhibits and cash Bingo, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free for this special event.

For more information on Patriotic Salute Day visit www.masondixon-fair.com.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Eastern Star will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 each; extra packets cost \$5 each. Bring a non-perishable food item for a bonus prize ticket. Food and beverages will be available. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332 or Brenda Compher, 717-456-5490.

SATURDAY
JULY 17
TEXAS HOLD’EM

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will host a day of Texas Hold’em. The first game starts 1 p.m., the second game starts 6 p.m. Register by noon and 5 p.m. with a \$50 buy in. First come,

first served. There will be sandwiches and light fare available. For more information, call 410-642-2771.

DADDY AND ME TEA

A Daddy and Me Tea will be held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Rockfield Manor located on 501 Churchville Road, Bel Air, Md. Share with a celebration of that special bond between a father-figure and his little girl. The Daddy and Me Tea is an event that will allow daddies to provide the special moments their daughters need to cultivate positive relationships, build bonds, and plant seeds that garner self-esteem, self-worth, determination and focus. Cost is \$10 for daddy and daughter duo and \$15 for an additional attendee.

For more information, call 410-638-4565 or visit info@womenschallenge.net.

FLOATING FEAST - MIDDAY MUNCH ON THE MARSH

Enjoy the perfect summertime combo: boating and eating, featuring local foods and businesses. This program will be held 12:30 to 2 p.m. for 30 lbs. to adult. The cost is \$8 per person or \$35 per Family (limit 5 per Family). Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

TICKLE A TOAD

Meet a toad-ally awesome creature and build a house to attract toads to the yard. This program will be held 3 to 4:30 p.m. for all ages; ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$4 per toad house. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688

SUNDAY
JULY 18
INVASINATORS

As part of a volunteer team of invasive plant removers and native plant restorers, learn why non-native invasive plants are a threat to the ecosystem, how to identify problem plants, and removal and restoration strategies. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves, and work gloves for field work in the Reserve. Participants receive an Invasinators t-shirt after attending two work days. This program will be held noon to 2 p.m. for ages 14 to adult. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

RAINBOW HIKE

Hike the Discovery Trail and enjoy a cooling, rainbow-hued treat at the end of the hike. This program will be held 3

to 4:30 p.m. for all ages. The cost is \$2 per person or \$6 per Family. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

MONDAYS
JULY 19 THRU AUG. 30
NATURE TOTS

Explore and discover the natural world through sensory activities, songs, and a short hike. Topics will be held 9 to 10 a.m. each Monday, July 19 thru Aug. 30 for ages 2 and 3 (parents must stay). The cost is \$30 per child. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.)



Chapel News

Pillars of a Godly Man Conference at APG Main Post Chapel

The men of the APG Gospel Service invite men to a powerful weekend of community fellowship, Friday July 16 and Saturday July 17, as they encourage one another in the Lord and hear from some of the community’s Godly leaders. This year’s Pillars of a Godly Man Conference theme - “I am my Brother’s Keeper” - intends to create an environment conducive to learning based on the way men think and the unique way men interact.

Saturday’s youth session for young men includes some sports events and a necktie-tying contest. (Bring a tie if possible.) All youth must be accompanied by an adult or coordination must be made in advance to ensure necessary paperwork is on file.

For more information call Elder Giles, 443-866-2372 or email lv-giles1@gmail.com; or Deacon Henry, 443-655-6895 or email bigg_dogg_35810@yahoo.com.

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Hunter safety classes offered

Hunter safety classes will be held July 15 and 17 in building 4303. Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be held 6 to 10 p.m. Classes on Saturdays will be held 8 a.m. to noon. All classes will be held in building 4303. Students must attend class all three days. An additional class will be offered Sept. 19 for ages 16 and older.

For more information or to register, call 410-671-9070. Please leave a message if no one answers. An instructor will contact students to verify their space in the class and obtain additional registration information. Do not call after 9 p.m.

CPR, AED classes available

Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services is offering CPR and automated external defibrillator classes on APG.

Two classes will be held 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month.

In the Aberdeen Area, classes will be held at the Post Chapel, classroom 3, July 21, Sept. 15 and Nov. 17.

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15. Class size will be limited to 30 participants.

For more information or to register, call Mike Davis, 410-306-0572, or e-mail michael.ray.davis@us.army.mil.

Toastmasters meeting July 19

Gunpowder Toastmasters invites you to meet with them Monday, July 19, to begin to discover your confidence. Going on a job interview? Giving a presentation? Toastmasters will help you -

- * develop better speaking and presentation skills
- * learn to think quickly and clearly on your feet
- * build strong leadership abilities
- * hone your listening skills.

Toastmasters offers this and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. The Gunpowder Toastmasters meet the first and third Mondays of each month (unless the date falls on a federal holiday), 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m., in the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility in building E-4516 Semi-

nar Room. Click on <http://gunpowder.freetoasthost.info/> for directions, or call Heather McDowell, 410-436-7816 for more information.

Green Dragon Ball

The National Capital Region 2010 Joint CBRNE Green Dragon Ball will be held Saturday, Aug. 14, at Top of the Bay. The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Paul McHale, Jr., former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense. For more details visit the Green Dragon Ball Web site www.edgewood.army.mil/greendragonball/index.html. For more information, call Tracey Kelly, 410-436-4438 or Capt. Jessica Perez, 410-436-4000, or email to apg.green.dragon.ball@conus.army.mil.

KWVA recruiting new members

The Korean War Veterans Association chapter 271 is actively recruiting new members. Membership is open to those who served honorably in Korea during and after the Korean War or at anytime between 1945 to the present. Associate membership is open to non-Korean War veterans who support the goals of the KWVA.

The chapter is chartered under the National KWVA and meets quarterly on the last Monday in February, May, August and November.

For more information, contact Nick Guerra, chapter commander, at 410-272-0458.

Volunteer drivers needed

The Veterans Administration Maryland Health Care System needs a few good drivers to serve at the Fort Howard Outpatient Clinic, transporting veteran patients to and from scheduled appointments. The VA Maryland Health Care System will work around a volunteer’s availability. Drivers for weekday mornings or afternoons are needed. Volunteers can work one day a week or more, or whatever best suits their schedule.

For more information or to sign up, call David Sevinsky, voluntary service specialist, 410-605-7102/7000 ext. 3929.

(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.)

USAF Detachment graduates final APG class

Story by
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APG News

Members and guests of Detachment 1, 361st Training Squadron, gathered on July 1, to celebrate the graduation of class 20100223. The ceremony was historic as it was the last graduation before the detachment officially leaves and relocates to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas in September.

Detachment 1, 361st Training Squadron trains, educates, and develops professional joint-service technicians in the aircraft metals career field.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Newcomb narrated the program. He said that the graduation ceremony recognizes a distinct group of Airmen in training that have successfully completed all requirements to the Aircraft Metals Technology Apprentice Course, becoming 3-Level Aircraft Metal Technologists. The graduates also completed 28 semester hours towards a Community College of the Air Force degree.

Newcomb said that throughout the last 19 weeks, the class went through a rigorous technical training program.

“They were trained in many aspects of aircraft safety, maintenance concepts and the use of aircraft technical manuals,” he said.

Newcomb said that the graduates learned basic welding concepts in oxy-acetylene, gas metallic arc, shielded metal arc, and gas tungsten arc welding.

After graduates received their diplomas, Capt. Brian McKay, the detachment’s commander, gave remarks.

McKay said the detachment was established at Aberdeen Proving Ground in 1974, after the Air Force consolidated its machinist training with the Army. The Detachment 1 was established to provide support and basic operating functions for staff personnel and students.

McKay said an advantage of the detachment’s location at APG is that it gave the Airmen a chance to associate with the Army and the Marines.

“That is part of what made this course here so great is that you get to interact with the other branches of service,” he said. “When you deploy you will have experience working with them, and know some of their lingo.”

McKay said that he hoped that the

students enjoyed their time at APG.

“You are a legacy class,” he said. “You can say I was a part of the last class to go through APG.”

Staff Sgt. Alexander Schlegel, a class instructor, told the graduates to continue to work hard in their careers.

“Take the initiative. Don’t sit around waiting for a project to come to you. Ask,” he said. “Take every opportunity available to you. Your career is in your hands.”

At the end of the ceremony, the graduates thanked the instructors and Families for their support. Many graduates noted that their classmates motivated each other to do their best.

“I am glad that I was a part of this class,” said graduate airman basic Daniel Pina. “We were a real close knit class. I had the best class and the best instructors.”

Airman basic Justin Gardner, who was the top graduate, received a 98 percent class average and the Air Education and Training Command Award, said that the grade point average was high for the whole class.

“We had a lot of fun, and did a lot of work too,” Gardner said. “Competing with each other made us all better in the end.”

Class 20100223 graduates

- Airman 1st Class Andrew V. Balint
- Airman 1st Class Brian P. Clark
- Senior Airman David J. Foster
- Airman basic Justin K. Gardner
- Airman 1st Class Matthew T. Holguin
- Airman basic William L. Kelly
- Airman basic Daniel Pina

Correction

In the July 8 issue of the APG News, Mary Doak of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center was incorrectly identified as the point of contact for information about the eCYBERMISSION program. The APG News regrets the error.

For more information about eCYBERMISSION, contact Dr. Katie Blanding, RDECOM, at 410-436-8796, e-mail her at katie.blanding@us.army.mil or visit the eCYBERMISSION Web site at <https://www.ecybermission.com>.

PM ACS efforts changed the concepts behind Airborne ISR

Story by
BRANDON POLLACHEK
PEO IEW&S PAO

Based on the original mission dictated to the Project Manager for Aerial Common Sensors more than four years ago, his time within the position, which ended on June 28, would have been considered a failure; but in reality, it marks a transition point for an organization that has changed the way the DoD conducts airborne ISR missions.

During a Change of Charter ceremony hosted by Brig. Gen. Thomas Cole, Program Executive Officer Intelligence, Electronic Warfare & Sensors (PEO IEW&S), Col. Robert Carpenter handed off the leadership of PM ACS to Col. Keith Hirschman, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Top of the Bay.

Upon arriving into the position of PM ACS in late 2005, Carpenter’s first major action was to cancel a contract for the Aerial Common Sensor with the follow-on mission of restarting the program. As his time as PM comes to an end, ACS as it was originally conceived has not been restarted, but rather restructured to the Enhanced Medium Altitude Reconnaissance Surveillance System (EMARSS) and multiple Aerial ISR programs. In the meantime the PM fielded a plethora of quick reaction capabilities to both Iraq and Afghanistan, modernized the Guardrail Common Sensor and ultimately changed the face of airborne ISR.

“Through our QRCs (Quick Reaction Capability) one of the things that has been noted is that we have taken down a lot of high value targets and

high value individuals,” said Carpenter. “When you think about Task Force ODIN (Observe Detect Identify and Neutralize) it has been given significant credit for taking down multiple IED makers and the network.”

In 2006 when the PM first began fielding the Medium Altitude Reconnaissance Surveillance System (MARSS) to Iraq and Afghanistan, it proved to be an important first in both theaters. “We were delivering a capability that just wasn’t there at the Pakistani border, providing signals intelligence to the tactical ground commander, while in Iraq we started on a process to take back the roads,” said Carpenter.

As he leaves his PM team the 26-year veteran believes the organization has a large future role for the warfighter. “I see this being the single integration house for these (ISR) platforms,” said Carpenter. “PM ACS plays a significant role as the organization (the Army) comes to for doing the assessment or long term development and procurement of manned platforms and integration of payloads. A lot of things that we did as a single or stove piped organization in quick reaction capabilities we will now leverage other programs of record.”

With Carpenter at the helm of PM ACS the organization has successfully fielded the Aerial Reconnaissance Multi-Function System (ARMS), MARSS, and Constant Hawk aircraft to Task Force ODIN in both theaters as well as the supporting ground architecture; in addition to managing and upgrading the Guardrail Common Sensor and Aerial Reconnaissance Low, both PORs with missions in OEF and OIF. Future programs, which the groundwork has been established for during the past five years include the tactical signals intelligence payload (TSP) and the Enhanced Medium Altitude Reconnaissance Surveillance System (EMARSS).

Following his assignment as PM ACS, Carpenter will continue to support the Warfighter working for the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology ASA(ALT) forward operations as a representative in Afghanistan ensuring Soldiers in the field are given an understanding of how to use and maintain fielded equipment.



Two honored during June retirement ceremony

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

A Soldier and a civilian were honored during the installation Retirement Ceremony at Top of the Bay June 30.

The honorees were Lt. Col. Robert F. Finn, Jr. from the Army Capabilities Integration Center at Fort Monroe, Va. who retired with 22 years of service and Dennis Lukens, from the Advanced Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-yield Explosive (CBRNE) Training Program at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, who retired with 36 years of service.

Col. Darryl J. Briggs, G3, U.S. Army 20th Support Command CBRNE presided over the ceremony and presented awards. He was assisted by Master Sgt. Curtis B. Johnson, 20th SUPCOM.

Chaplain (Maj.) Fred Townsend, garrison deputy chaplain, gave the invocation. The U.S. Army Materiel Command Band's Brass Quintet, led by Staff Sgt. Alan Herold, provided music.

Briggs thanked the Families, friends and co-workers who came to recognize the retirees.

"These retirements truly represent what makes our Army great," Briggs said. "Both have dedicated their lives in a unique way and served as key elements of a team that safeguards our nation."

Briggs also thanked the Families for supporting the retirees during their careers, adding that both retirees were focused on their Families and were looking forward to spending more time with them during their retirement.

Briggs said that the retirees have many more opportunities to make positive contributions.

"You are great Americans," he said. "I am positive that both of you will continue to contribute to your nation, your communities, and your Families after you retire."

Lt. Col. Robert F. Finn

Finn received the Legion of Merit Award signed by Martin E. Dempsey, U. S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation signed by President Barack Obama; and the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement signed by Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Army Chief of Staff.

The United States Flag and Pin were also presented to Finn.

Finn's wife, Terri, received the DA Certificate of Appreciation signed by Casey.

Finn was born in Baltimore on Oct. 28, 1965. He entered the Army in 1988 and has served three tours overseas including Germany, Korea and Afghanistan. He served in several stateside assignments culminating in his assignment as assistant executive officer to the director, Army Capabilities Integration Center at Fort Monroe, Va.

Finn retired July 1 with 22 years of service. During his career he served in three combat tours: Operation Desert Storm in 1991; Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2008.



Lt. Col. Robert F. Finn

Finn's awards include the Bronze Star Medal; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal.

Finn said that he would like to continue to work for the Army as a civilian in the areas of capabilities integration and test and evaluation.

Finn and his wife, Terri, have three children; Robert, Megan and Danielle, and reside in Yorktown, Va.

Finn thanked his Family for supporting him during his career.

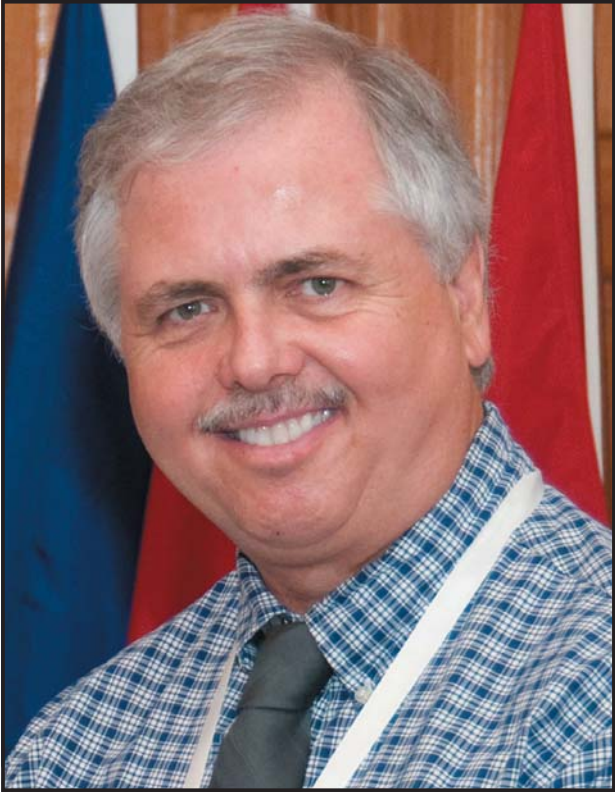
He said that he wanted to have the ceremony at APG because it was close to most of his extended Family.

"It was a wonderful ceremony. It was special that all my Family, from as far away as California was able to attend," he said. "The retirement ceremony is a great way to honor all those that helped me during my career."

Dennis Lukens

A two-star note was presented to Lukens, thanking him for his outstanding service to the Army, signed by Maj. Gen. Nick G. Justice, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. Lukens also received the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, signed by Joseph D. Wienand, Technical Director, ECBC. The Aberdeen Proving Ground Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Lukens' wife, Sharon Lukens, signed by Col. Orlando W. Ortiz deputy installation commander.

Lukens was born in Mechanicsburg, Pa. in 1951. After high school he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering in 1973. In June 1974 he began his federal career as an intern in the Process Chemistry Section of the Manufactur-



Dennis Lukens

ing Technology Directorate at the former Edgewood Arsenal. In 1986, Lukens transferred to the Detection Directorate where he was a producibility engineer for fielding of several chemical agent detection systems. In 1991 his team relocated to the Process Engineering Facility where he was directly involved in establishing the Army's first large-scale fermentation facility at the 1500-liter scale. As a bioprocess engineer, he conducted large-scale pilot studies in the manufacture and purification of biologically-produced products through fermentation for government agencies and private industry. For the past eight years, Lukens was a subject matter expert instructional trainer in large-scale biological and chemical production facilities and hardware for the CBRNE Training Program at the ECBC.

Over the course of his 36 years of federal service as a chemical engineer, Lukens has numerous governmental publications and received recognition of his skills in the form of over 40 performance awards, letters and memorandums of appreciation; certificates and memorandums of achievement, and letters of commendation.

Lukens lives in Jarrettsville with his wife Sharon of 30 years, and his son Timothy, who will be attending Fallston Middle School in the fall. His Family enjoys baseball outings with Timothy's Harford Heat baseball club and vacations to Florida and the beach.

"The ceremony was touching," Lukens said. "I have mixed feelings about saying farewell, as I have worked at APG for 36 years. However, I am looking forward to spending more time with my Family in Florida, as I am a life-long Disney fan."



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

New hours

The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, the Leisure Travel Office and the Library located in building 3326 have new hours of operation.

The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center will open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. The Leisure Travel Office will open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The Library will open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Maryland State Fair tickets available

MWR Leisure Travel Services offers discount tickets for the Maryland State Fair to be held Aug. 27 to Sept. 6 in Timonium. Admission tickets cost \$7 for adults; \$2.50 for children ages 6 to 11; \$17 for all-you-can-ride vouchers; and a book of coupons costs \$4.50.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail MWR-LeisureTravel@apg.army.mil.

New York City shopping trip

Leisure Travel will offer eight hours of shopping in New York City July 17. Enjoy the city without the driving or parking problems. Cost is \$36 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation.

The bus will depart 7:55 a.m. from the Edgewood Best Western parking lot on Route 24 and return 10:30 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Military Long Drive Championship qualifier at Ruggles Golf Course

Ruggles Golf Course will host the first level qualifier for the Military Long Drive Championship, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aug. 7. The first place winner will receive a trophy and advancement to the second level event at Dallas, Texas on Sept. 11. The second place winner will receive a \$200 Pro Shop gift

certificate and the third place winner will receive a \$100 Pro Shop gift certificate.

Entry Fee costs \$10 per try and includes six golf balls and a chance to participate at the \$10,000 Long Drive Contest on Nov. 3, in Mesquite, Nevada.

This event is open to all U.S. active duty military personnel and Family members age 18 and older with valid military ID card, Reserve and National Guard, active and inactive, and retirees.

For more information or to register, e-mail debra.long1@us.army.mil.

Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire tickets available

Tickets are available for the 2010 Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire, located on 2775 Lebanon Road, Manheim, Pa.

Tickets cost \$23 each for adults and \$9 for children ages 5 through 11. The Renaissance Faire will be held on weekends 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 14 through Oct. 31. Enjoy a marvelous trip back in time to the days of yore featuring 35 acres of jousting knights and royal delights. Tickets are good for any day. Themed weekends include Pyrate Invasion, Children's Fantasy, Heroes of the Realm, Scottish Weekend, Oktoberfest, Irish Weekend and more.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Hershey Park trip

Hershey Park happy, Hershey Park fun! A trip to Hershey Park will take place Aug. 15. Cost is \$55 per person and includes park ticket and roundtrip transportation. Bus departs 7:30 a.m.

and will return 9 p.m. Seats are limited, Reserve a seat today. Open to all Dod ID card holders.

For more information, call MWR Tickets and Leisure Travel Services, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Swim Lessons

Swim lessons run July 12 through 23 for youths; July 26 through 30 for adult swim lessons and toddlers at the Shore and Bayside Pools. Swim lessons cost \$50 first Family member, \$45 for each additional Family member.

Session 1 - through July 23 Shore Pool

8 to 9 a.m., levels 5 and 6
9 to 10 a.m., levels 3 and 4
10 to 11 a.m., levels 1 and 2

Bayside Pool

8 to 9 a.m., levels 5 and 6
9 to 10 a.m., levels 3 and 4
10 to 11 a.m., levels 1 and 2

Session 2 - Aug. 2 to 13 Shore Pool

8 to 9 a.m., levels 5 and 6
9 to 10 a.m., levels 3 and 4
10 to 11 a.m., levels 1 and 2

Bayside Pool

8 to 9 a.m., levels 5 and 6
9 to 10 a.m., levels 3 and 4
10 to 11 a.m., levels 1 and 2.

Olympic Pool -July 26 to 30

Adult and Parent/Toddler swim lessons.

APG Variety and Talent Show auditions

A variety show and two talent shows are planned for Sept. 24 and 25.

A Tribute to the Troops Variety Show will be held 7 p.m., Sept. 24. APG's Got Talent Show will be held Sept. 25. The youth talent show will be held 4 p.m. and an adult talent show will be held 7 p.m.

Auditions for both shows will be held 6 to 8 p.m., every Thursday beginning July 9. Auditions are open to the entire APG Community and its partners.

Volunteers and performers are needed for both shows.

For more information, call 410-278-3854.

July bowling specials

- Children bowl for free every Monday with each paying adult.
- Each Tuesday, bowl 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.50.
- Each Wednesday, bowl 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 1.25 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Every Friday in July, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., up to six people can bowl for \$14 an hour. Includes shoe rental.
- Each Friday, Cosmic bowling 5 to 11 p.m. for \$14 per hour.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza and one pitcher of soda for \$32.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday.

Week of July 12

- Special #1: American hero with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.50.
Special #2: Two beef Tacos with one burrito, cookie and regular soda for \$6.95.

Week of July 19

- Special #1: Manicotti with salad, cookie and regular soda for \$4.95.
Special #2: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.25.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at <http://acpol.army.mil/employment/naf.htm> or check out AAFES Jobs link <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/> for additional job opportunities.



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

APG teens visit ‘Mad Money City’

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground teens got a taste of personal financial management by visiting “Mad Money City,” a youth activity held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center June 30. The event was sponsored by the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program, Child Youth and School Services, SKIES Unlimited, HIRED program, and CYSS Edge in conjunction with the Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union.

During the activity, teens were transported into the future where they had just graduated from college or technical school and were starting their first full-time, professional jobs.

Teens were given realistic scenarios in which they had a career, paycheck, Family, and lifestyle and were instructed to visit different merchants where they bought houses, cars, food, clothes, day care, and other necessities.

Teens were also asked to build a budget based on their income and debt.

Tina Mike, vice president of financial education for APGFCU said that Mad Money City allows participants to make mistakes and suffer the consequences of their decisions in a realistic, but safe, environment.

“This activity is a fun, hands-on approach to teaching financial literacy,” Mike said. “The learning comes into play when the teens spend too much money, and have to manage their money more effectively.”

Brianna Taylor, 16, said that the activity helped her learn more about managing money. Taylor added that she liked using the checkbooks that were given to the teens to use for their purchases.

“I did not know how to write a check until today,” Taylor said.

“I thought the program was really good, thorough



From left: Shanice Lewis, 16, Brianna Taylor, 16, and Calynn Dorsey, 14, purchase clothes from a merchant, Tina Mike, vice president of financial education for Aberdeen Proving Ground during Mad Money City, an activity held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center June 30.

and informative,” said Shanice Lewis, 16. “I am glad I do not have these responsibilities yet. This makes me appreciate being a teenager.”

Nimisha Shah, a parent of two teens, said that she wanted her teens to attend the activity to learn more about financial management and to meet other teens in the community.

“We just moved to the area from New Jersey. It is a big transition,” Shah said. “My husband heard about the activity and we encouraged our children to attend so they can get involved with activities on post.”

The next “Job vs. Career” session for teens, will be held Tuesday, August 3, 12:30 to 1:30pm, at ACS in partnership with the Financial Education Department of APG Federal Credit Union. Topics include:

- what employers are looking for
- how to apply for a job
- tips on resume writing, interviewing experience

To enroll teens in the free “Job vs. Career” session, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Readiness program manager, 410-278-9669/7572. ACS is moving to a new location Building 2503, Highpoint Road.

SKIES Unlimited

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID card holders. For an appointment, e-mail stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil.

Private Guitar Lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 7 through 18 will be held 1 to 7 p.m., on Monday or Tuesday, through July 19 and July 26 through Aug. 16, at the AA Youth Center, building 2522.

No experience is necessary. Cost of the lessons is \$68 per student and includes one 30-minute session per week

for six weeks.

Students also are required to purchase books required for the course as recommended by the instructor.

Books are a onetime purchase. Students must also provide their own guitar.

Pirate Captains Adventure

Welcome to SKIES Unlimited pirate cove where all the pirates will gather for a brand new adventure. Pirates, ages 7 to 9 will meet 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., July 12 through 15 at the AA Youth Center, building 2522. Pirates aboard the ship will make their very own feather swords, discover the many place pirates explored or use geocaching to search for

buried treasure and more. At the conclusion of festivities there will be a pirate ship race. Yo ho ho... It's a Pirate Cove for you. Every pirate should bring a nut-free snack daily.

Local Heroes Workshop

Have you ever dreamed what it would be like to be a fire fighter or policeman? Children ages 4 to 6 will get an inside scoop in this local heroes workshop, 9 to 11:30 a.m., July 19 through 22, at the CYSS Administrative Building, 2522. Cost is \$45 per child. Children will read stories of bravery and courage and then use their imagination for an activity afterwards. They may even get to meet

a real live local hero. Bring a nut free snack daily.

Twilight Teen workshop

Twilight fans ages 9 to 14 can join a workshop, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. July 19 through 22. Take time to explore the wonders of the books and movies. Participants will make Team Edward or Team Jacob t-shirts, create a trivia game, get creative by writing alternate endings to the story and maybe even view one of the movies. Bring a white t-shirt and a lot of imagination and dive into this saga together. Every diehard Twilight fan should bring a nut-free snack daily.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON, APG NEWS, Illustration by NICK PENTZ, APG NEWS
Directorate of Emergency Services police officer Leonard Moses leads his military working dog partner Bleky demonstrate some of the skills that won the Aberdeen Proving Ground K9 team 11 awards – including first place for best overall team – during the 2010 Iron Dog Competition in Virginia in May.

DES K9 teams win big at Iron Dog Competition

Story by
LT EDWARD J. SALA
DES

On May 19, three canine teams from the Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Emergency Services competed in the 2010 Virginia Police Canine Association (VPCA) 10th Annual Iron Dog Competition at the Great Meadow Event Center in The Plains, Va.

Thirty-eight teams competed in the event and the APG canine teams took home 11 out of a possible 30 awards, including first place in the Team Overall category and second and third place in the Individual Overall category. They also won a narcotic storage safe.

The teams members were Officers Ronald L. Colbeck II and his military working dog partner Heidi, Christopher J. Damko and MWD partner Laga, and Leonard A. Moses Jr. and MWD partner Bleky.

The VPCA Iron Dog Competition tests the strength, stamina, abilities and teamwork of law enforcement dog handlers and their K-9 partners. The competition consisted of a number of stations with obstacles, firearms, scent tracking, decoy apprehension, vehicle searches, and environmental distractions to determine the overall Iron Dog winner. First, second, and third-place awards were given at each of the eight event stations, as well as an Overall Individual Winner and a Team Award; for a total of 30 possible awards in 10 different categories. The team award was given to the jurisdiction with the best combined overall score of its three K-9 teams for the entire event.

During this timed competition, K-9 teams were required to complete rigorous tasks at multiple event stations along a one and-a-half mile course. The event stations included firearms, scent tracking (either narcotic or explosive), decoy apprehension, vehicle searches (either narcotic or explosive), and environmental distractions. The teams had to navigate multiple obstacles like fences, hedges, creeks, and horse jumps while running from station to station. Each event station was timed and the overall course completion was timed.

The event was Officer Colbeck and K9 Heidi's fifth competition in the past two years. When asked why he enjoys competing, Colbeck said, "I enjoy the camaraderie amongst law enforcement officers at the events, learning new things and overcoming challenges. Heidi is now almost ten years-old and it amazes me that she still has the desire and stamina to go through these competitions; and not only do we compete, but we have done very well in all the competitions that we have attended. I'm proud to represent the Army."

Officer Damko and K9 Laga were competing in their



At the Directorate of Emergency Services Military Working Dog training facility, K9 Heidi waits for instructions from her partner, police officer Ron Colbeck.

second competition. Damko said he trained especially hard for this competition with balanced nutrition and daily rucksack runs with Laga. When asked what inspired him to train so hard for the competition, he said, "The first time I competed in an Iron Dog Competition was last fall. At that time I really was not prepared for what I encountered. The course went up a hill that looked like a wall - straight up. So, for this competition, I vowed that I would finish a heck a lot better than I did last time. It looks like the training paid off."

Officer Moses and K-9 Bleky also were competing in their second competition. Moses has been with his K-9 partner for less than a year and has made great strides in training and conditioning. "I think that the sky is the limit," Moses said when asked about his and Bleky's future in dog competitions. "I have been fortunate in being paired with a fantastic young dog in Bleky. It is a pleasure to come to work each and every day, knowing that (Bleky) is waiting for me. As far as the other handlers at APG, they make me want to try harder to be better, I love a challenge. Bleky is only four years old, [and] he has unlimited potential. I look forward to the next event."

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Canine Section supports the APG Community through force protection measures, narcotics interdiction, law enforcement support and public safety. The sections' five certified canine teams support day and night operations for the APG Community, as well as special missions for the Department of State and the United States Secret Service.

To view the complete results for the 2010 VPCA Iron Dog Competition, visit the Web site www.vapolicex9.com.



DES police officer Chris Damko watches his K9 partner Laga low crawl under an obstacle.

2010 Iron Dog winners

Individual Overall
2nd place, Ron Colbeck/K9 Heidi, APG
3rd place, Leonard Moses/K9 Bleky, APG

Team Overall
1st place, Ron Colbeck/Chris Damko/Leonard Moses, APG

Explosive Detection
1st place, Ron Colbeck, APG
2nd place, Chris Damko, APG

Firearm event
2nd place, Ron Colbeck, APG

Muzzle event
1st place, Ron Colbeck, APG
3rd place, Chris Damko, APG

Narcotic vehicle search
1st place, Leonard Moses, APG

Explosive vehicle search
1st place, Chris Damko, APG
2nd place, Ron Colbeck, APG

From left, DES police officers Ron Colbeck, Chris Damko and Leonard Moses pose with their K9s Heidi, Laga and Bleky and the 11 trophies they won during the 2010 Iron Dog Competition.

Registration opens for VA Forum on women veterans

Department of Veterans Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs has opened registration for a Women Veterans Forum that will address the quality of VA health care, the provision of benefits for women, and ways for VA to continue improving access to the care and benefits for women Veterans.

“The VA forum will bring advocates for women veterans together to learn about VA services and to share valuable information with each other,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “The forum will also give veterans’ advocates the tools they need to help build women veterans networks and communities throughout VA.”

The forum which will be held 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at



the Women’s Memorial in Arlington, Va., July 28. Shinseki and VA department heads plan to attend.

Because of anticipated demand, available seats will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and confirmed registrants will be notified by e-mail once registration is filled. Register through the Center for Women Veterans by e-mail at 00W@va.gov . Registration closes when either all seats are filled or by July 16.

The Forum include morning presentations and an afternoon information marketplace in which participants are invited to gather resources and materials provided by VA program offices and veterans service and advocacy organizations. There also will be an afternoon screening of the updated “Lioness” documentary film.

Presentations from the event will be made available online. Feedback about this event and announcements on future events will be available to forum participants. For more information contact the Center for Women Veterans at 202-461-6193 or by e-mail at 00W@va.gov.

VA has undertaken major initiatives to transform the department to meet the unique health care needs of women veterans and provide the best quality care at every VA medical center. In addition, the agency is working to shorten the delays for claims processing, improve access to VA health services for minority and rural veterans, end veteran homelessness, and ease the transition back to civilian life.

There are about 1.8 million women Veterans among the nation’s 23 million living veterans. VA estimates women veterans will comprise 10.5 percent of the veteran population by 2020.

Charters

From front page

PM, Strategic Battle Command

Later in the day, Lt. Col. Brian J. Lyttle assumed the duties of Product Manager, Strategic Battle Command from Lt. Col. Kevin Leonard. Col. David Moore, Project Manager, Strategic Battle Command, presided over the ceremony.

In attendance for both ceremonies was Brig. Gen. N. Lee S. Price, Program Executive Officer, Command, Control, Communications-Tactical, PEO-C3T.

Moore called Leonard “a strategic thinker in the complex Army Acquisition area who was able to air concise thoughts and achieve strategic positions.”

He said that under Leonard’s leadership the program achieved new Army initiatives at the strategic level and stayed above the 95 percent readiness rate.

“As a result, I have great faith in the SBC Team,” Moore said.

He welcomed Lyttle, calling him a “great person” who is inheriting a “great organization.”



Photo by RICHARD A. MATTOX, PEO C3T
Col. David Moore, Project Manager, Strategic Battle Command, left, presents the unit charter to Lt. Col. Brian J. Lyttle who assumed the duties of Product Manager, Strategic Battle Command during a Change of Charter ceremony at Top of the Bay July 8.

“With his computer science background, we could not have picked a better successor,” he said. “I know you will do extremely well.”

“Leonard thanked Moore and said it was an honor to serve the SBC.

“This is the finest organization I’ve served with in my nineteen years of wearing this uniform,” he said, adding that his great pride was “providing joint and Army commanders the tools to enhance their decision-making options

on the battlefield.”

“The sun never sets on the SBC,” he said. “Keep up the fight.”

Lyttle thanked Moore and said he was proud to be a part of the battle command team.

“When North Korea tests another nuclear weapon they will turn to us to determine a strategic reaction,” he said, adding that he looks forward to meeting the challenges of the battle command.

PM, Battle Command

Battle Command provides integrated battle command capabilities, training and support to the joint land component Warfighter. Battle Command is developing interoperable innovations for tomorrow while supporting Warfighters in the field today.

Change of Charter

In non-traditional military units, the charter carries the same symbolic functions as the unit colors or guidon in traditional units. It represents the same responsibilities for the leadership and welfare of the people of the organization. By accepting the charter, the incoming commander assumes the leadership and management of the product manager office.

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needing building materials.

“Much of what is here is reusable,” he said. “Reuse is a good selling point as is the relationship these items have with the proving ground.

“People love things that have a history and a lot of times they want it just

because it’s something they don’t make anymore.”

Building 310

The administration building, or old post headquarters, also known as building 310, was designed as the primary administration building at APG during the fall of 1917. The high-style Classical Revival south wing of the building, with its imposing and ornate portico, came to symbolize the importance of APG to the U.S. Army. The building served as

the post headquarters from its completion in 1918 until 1995 and oversaw the development and evolution of APG from a proving ground to one of the Army’s major ordnance, research and development centers to meet military needs during the 20th century.

To better meet the mission demands of APG in the 21st century, building 310 is scheduled for a partial demolition. The front part of the building will remain to house mission support personnel and will

be rehabilitated in a manner that is compatible with the historic and architectural qualities of the historic resources at APG, and consistent with the Secretary of Interior’s Standards and Guidelines.

The installation has worked closely with the Maryland Historical Trust, as the State Historic Preservation Office for Maryland, to photograph and document the building prior to demolition so that a thorough record of the building remains for posterity and future research.